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I take that responsibility. The committee will meet today to hear the final 4 bills, I think there are 4 bills, before our committee . . . no, 4 bills today and 1 at 1 o'clock on Monday. That will complete the hearing, as far as the bills are concerned.

I had another point and it escapes me at the moment. OK. Instead of 4/5th we have 40 days left. OK. Senator Burbach, in other words our committee's going to meet today and we'll meet prior to the 2 o'clock session on Monday to complete the work on the bills that have been assigned. The only work that isn't complete is part of the operations budgets, and the Capitol construction hearings. Now may I say to you that the staff . . . the budget staff is in the process of doing two or three things. One is to develop a half a dozen bills, along functional lines, a natural resources bill, it covers all those departments in this area. You'll be presented with this. The human resources bill, which covers those departments. There will be split up, into probably half a dozen sections, the budget bills that will be coming to the floor in the weeks to come. Now, Mr. Speaker, if I've left anything out I'll be happy to respond. I can, in conclusion may I say this which is self-evident, I do my best to keep a reasonable working relationship with the press. I'm not always successful, but I will do the best I can to explain their actions, which I know and you know can't be completely explained. They have their executive sessions to which we are not privileged to participate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SPEAKER: My concern and my question is this, as I interpret the Rules, the Speaker will make decisions, unless he is overruled by a majority of the elected members of this body. I want to know . . . with part of the decision which is in the Journal on the 14th that was presented in my behalf by Senator Savage. Can part of the decision be accepted and part rejected? Where are we? Should we start from new at this moment and say that we will be in session till noon today, then we'll be in session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week? Now my question to you, Senator Marvel, do you ask for April 1 for your committee work, and that this body not be in session on April 1? Have you changed your mind on this, or are you asking for this body to meet April 2 and your committee on April 1?

SENATOR MARVEL: No sir. I abide by the decision that was made by the Legislature in your absence. Senator Syas you can help me. What day was the decision made?

SPEAKER: Thursday, between your committee and myself.

SENATOR MARVEL: Whatever the decision was, I abide by it. I take full responsibility, as I have since 1961 as Chairman of the Appropriations, to see that the work is completed around the legislative schedule.

SPEAKER: I have one more question Senator Marvel. What decision? Are you talking about the floor decision of last Friday? Are you talking about a decision that I and your committee had?